

Introduced by Senator Anderson

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 37—Relative to the U.S. Border Patrol Agent Robert Rosas Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 37, as introduced, Anderson. U.S. Border Patrol Agent Robert Rosas Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 8 in the County of San Diego as the U.S. Border Patrol Agent Robert W. Rosas Jr. Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, United States Border Patrol Agent Robert W. Rosas
2 Jr. was born and raised in El Centro, California, and was often
3 referred to as the “Mayor of El Centro” because of his popularity
4 and friendly, witty demeanor; and
5 WHEREAS, Agent Rosas graduated from Central Union High
6 School in 1997 where he met his future wife, Rosalie; and
7 WHEREAS, Prior to becoming a United States Border Patrol
8 Agent, Agent Rosas worked as a correctional officer for six years
9 at Centinela State Prison, in addition to serving two years as a
10 reserve police officer for the El Centro Police Department; and
11 WHEREAS, Agent Rosas began his career with the United
12 States Border Patrol on May 22, 2006, as a member of the 621st
13 Session of the Border Patrol Academy. Around his fellow agents

1 at the Campo Station, Agent Rosas was known for his enthusiasm
2 and sound work ethic in carrying out his sworn duties. His
3 leadership skills were also evident through his efforts in organizing
4 and managing the station's softball team; and

5 WHEREAS, On July 23, 2009, Agent Rosas was working near
6 the United States-Mexico international border near Campo,
7 California, and was responding to suspected illegal cross-border
8 activity when fellow agents heard multiple gun shots. After a brief
9 search, Agent Rosas was found lying on the ground, mortally
10 wounded; and

11 WHEREAS, Agent Rosas was 30 years old at the time of his
12 death and left behind his wife, their two young children, Robert
13 Mathew and Kayla Alyssa, his brother, two sisters, and his
14 stepfather; now, therefor, be it

15 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
16 *thereof concurring*, That Legislature hereby designates a portion
17 of State Highway Route 8, between post mile R51.000 and post
18 mile R53.5000, in the County of San Diego as the U.S. Border
19 Patrol Agent Robert W. Rosas Jr. Memorial Highway; and be it
20 further

21 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
22 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
23 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
24 showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations
25 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
26 be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
28 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
29 author for appropriate distribution.